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Appl No. : To be assigned  
Applicant : Louis-Georges, Guy et al  
Title : EPAS GENE TRANSFER TO IMPROVE CELL THERAPY  
Docket No. : 7692-44 LAB  
Customer No. : 24223

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Commissioner of Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sirs:

Prior to substantive examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.